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# Students win survey prizes

By BRENT GERHART

The first Pan Canadian Student Engagement Survey was filled out by more than 27,500 students across the nation, and was especially successful at Conestoga College.

In total, about 1,490 of 3,070 first-year Conestoga students participated in the survey, which had the college finishing in fifth in Canada for completion and second behind Algonquin among mid-sized colleges.

Carol Gregory, director of student development, said she was impressed with students' co-operation.

"It's really great. We encouraged students from day one, but there is a lot they have to do to get going," said Gregory. "I think it really shows the energy of first-year students. I'm hoping this is a sign our first-year students are engaged in wanting to be involved."

Although a Fanshawe College student won the free tuition prize, six Conestoga students won other prizes. Two Conestoga students won national prizes as Andrea Lewis (human services) won a Sony PSP Player and a technology student won an Apple iPod. Nancy Franco Parra (ELS), Milan Kuljanin (civil engineering), Cliff Boehemer (marketing) and Gary Woolverton (GAS-aviation) all won \$250 cash prizes, exclusive to Conestoga.

To help continue improving the college experience, a second survey is now available online for students to complete at [www.wincollegetuition.com](http://www.wincollegetuition.com).

"There will be a lot of questions related to the student experience during the first two to three months," said Gregory.

The director of student development said

she hopes the survey will provide a better understanding of what students want more of from the college.

"Hopefully we'll become more aware of the college's holes," she said.

Gregory said although she cares about all students, there is one she would like more focus put on.

"If a student does academically well and leaves, you've got to wonder why and if there is something we can do as a college to help," she said. "Those are the students I get concerned about. If you have an unpleasant experience you can either learn from it by growing or get turned off and it becomes a very negative experience. We certainly want to minimize that for students."

Overall, Gregory said she believes the surveys are a sign of things to come for Canadian colleges.

"I think we've turned a corner," she said. "I don't think we've ever asked these questions before. Now, there's much more emphasis on understanding, providing better service and more opportunities for involvement with students. We want the students to know they have everything to be successful and that they feel involved."

Gregory said she is confident Conestoga students might be able to expect more prizes coming their way after the next survey.

"If our students respond like the way they did for the first survey," she said, "I would be surprised if someone here didn't win."

The second survey will be open until Dec. 9. For a chance to win \$2,000 and other prizes, first-year students must visit [www.wincollegetuition.com](http://www.wincollegetuition.com) and answer another survey about their own personal experiences.



(Photo by Melissa Hancock)

## Rain, rain go away!

Shannon Carey, of security services, braved cold water in a flooded parking lot at Conestoga College on Nov. 9. She went barefoot into the water in Lot 8 to unclog a leaf-filled drain, while another woman waited to get to her vehicle. Groundskeepers were on their way.

# Know the risks when you say no to flu shot

By ADAM BLACK

It's that time of year again, flu season. Over and over on television, radio and in the newspaper we keep hearing how important it is to get the flu shot. Not many people know why.

According to literature handed out by the health services office, the flu, also known as influenza, infects about 10 to 25 per cent of Canadians a year. It is spread by being in contact with someone infected with the disease. This could include coming in contact with droplets transmitted by air (coughing or sneezing), touching an infected person or even touching something that an infected person has been in contact with.

Ailments include headache, cough, chills, fever, loss of appetite, fatigue, muscle aches, nausea and vomiting. Complications from the flu, for the most part, are associated with young children or seniors, but there is a risk that the virus can lead to more severe problems, such as pneumonia, which can cause death.

The best way to prevent the flu is to get the shot. It helps your body produce antibodies that help prevent infection by the virus. The vaccine itself is made up of pieces of inactive viruses, grown and purified in a fertilized chicken egg.

It's important to also make sure you get the shot yearly. The flu virus is always mutating, so make sure you have an up-to-date immunization.

There are a few risks that come with getting the shot. For example, soreness in the area where you got the shot, muscle pains, fatigue and possibly even fever. These symptoms usually only last a day or two, and are nowhere near as bad as actually having the flu.

Conestoga will be holding flu-shot clinics from Nov. 14 to 18.

They will be held in Room 2E04 Tuesday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on the Monday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information on the flu shot contact health services at ext. 3254 or 3679.



(Photo by Brent Gerhart)

Carol Gregory (left) presented first-year ELS student Nancy Franco Parra with a \$250 cash prize on Oct. 31 for participating in the first Pan Canadian Student Engagement Survey.

## Now deep thoughts ...with Conestoga College

Random questions answered by random students

If you could be any kind of car,  
what would it be and what  
colour?

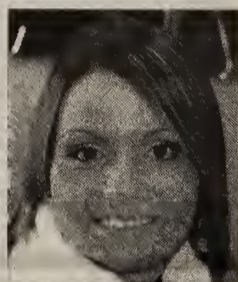


"Honda S-2000.  
Silver or black.  
It's sleek and elegant and  
a powerful little car."

*Dianne Pereira,  
Level 1 Conestoga  
co-McMaster nursing*



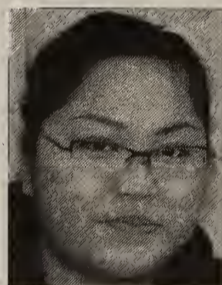
"Harley Davidson  
motorcycle.  
Two wheels and a  
kick-stand, you can't  
go wrong."  
*Ian Holley,  
first-year computer  
programmer/analyst*



"BMW SUV.  
Black.  
Because it's classy."  
*Aryn Knowles,  
second-year policing*



"Nissan Skyline.  
Dark blue, the colour of  
blue like the sky just  
before the sun goes  
down."  
*Richard Carlsen,  
first-year civil engineering*



"Mercedes.  
Black.  
Because of the  
sophistication, the looks  
and the quality."  
*Imelda Castillo,  
second-year financial  
planning*



"S-10 Chevy pickup.  
Bright fire truck red.  
It would be my own  
personal fire truck."  
*Steve Legassie,  
first-year general arts  
and science*



"Jeep.  
White.  
I could take myself to the  
beach."  
*Melissa Matthies,  
first-year civil  
engineering-technician,  
environmental*

Smile Conestoga, you could be our next respondent!

# Website offers up jobs

By JANET MORRIS

Conestoga has a new website that helps students search for careers in their field.

People can browse different types of employment such as casual, part-time, full-time, internships, volunteer and on-campus positions.

Unfortunately, not all categories can be explored at once.

After selecting one of the above categories students can narrow their preferences even further by selecting which school of study they fall under, for example, the school of business or liberal media studies.

Students do not have to look for jobs that are specifically related to their studies and can choose to browse employment opportunities in general.

The website can be accessed at <https://www2.conestogac.on.ca/conestoga/web/careerservice/index.jsp>

You can arrive at the site by typing

the link into your Internet browser or you can begin at Conestoga's home page, select "current student" and click on the red and blue career services link at the bottom of the current students page.

When prompted students should enter the username careerservices and password usearch4jobs. This username and password is the same for all students.

This service gives students exclusive access to jobs posted by employers specifically for Conestoga students in particular programs.

This isn't the only website that is useful.

Barrett Cressman is an intern with career services in his second year of public relations studies. He got his position through workopolisCampus.com when Consumer Impact Marketing was hiring for a one-year, 36-hour contract position.

WorkopolisCampus.com is another option for students where the jobs come looking for you.

Jobs are divided by school and the code to access the postings is jobs4u.

After signing on the users can create a profile of keywords that suits their employment interests.

The career alert feature of the website will e-mail the matching job postings right to a student's e-mail address.

Cressman said the best feature of the career services job search is that it is geared toward Conestoga's students.

"It offers multiple approaches to jobs because there are internships, volunteer opportunities and part-time and full-time jobs and that really works with the schedule of the students on campus."

He said the site is not just for graduating students.

"People might not be looking for jobs right now but it's good they get a head start."

For additional assistance with job searching go to the career services office located in Room 220 in the Student Client Services Building.

## Contest has \$50,000 in prizes

By TOM KALBFLEISCH

Conestoga College will hold a "Leading your Team" workshop, which is part of the LaunchPad \$50K Venture Creation Competition.

The workshop is for all students who wish to learn more about the business community and how to make a living in it.

Students and members of the community compete in the contest by forming a company and then, through the teachings of the workshops, try to make a successful company plan.

"It's an excellent opportunity for students" said Julia Biedermann, chair of engineering and informa-

tion technology. "These workshops create an excellent opportunity for students to show their talents and create a strong network with their peers."

All those who come to the workshop will hear networking guru Donna Messer, a CEO of her own highly successful communications company in Oakville, talk about the importance of networking in the business world and the skills needed in order to network.

The LaunchPad \$50K Venture Creation Competition provides an opportunity for students, researchers and community members to come together to develop business plans and start successful businesses.

Started in 2004 by Wilfrid Laurier University and University of Waterloo, the competition is modeled on the MIT \$50K competition, and provides a network of resources for teambuilding, mentorship and networking.

Cash prizes and in-kind services totalling \$50,000 in value are divided among the three winning teams.

Sponsors of the competition include Tech Capital Partners, Gowlings, Research In Motion and many others.

The workshop will be held from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in Room 1E05 on Nov. 29.

An information booth will be located by Door 4 on Nov. 11 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.



(Photo by Denise Muller)

### Paramedics at work

Paramedic students take advantage of some sunny weather to practise emergency procedures Nov. 7. Temperatures were still brisk, but sunshine and mild-November temperatures were forecast for the rest of the week.

# Cancun is still a hot spot for spring break

By PAIGE HILTON

The company responsible for arranging spring break vacations for Conestoga students said Cancun will be ready for tourists again after being damaged by Hurricane Wilma.

The storm, one of many to sweep through Mexico and the southern United States this year, made landfall in Mexico on Oct. 21 and hit Cancun shortly after.

Preliminary reports from the media stated it could take up to six months to repair the damage in Cancun, but Jason Krulicki, the account manager for Breakaway Tours, the company offering the trips, said the resorts should be open, with the city's infrastructure running by the Christmas season, let alone February when students are on spring break.

"I think it has affected (how many people are booking trips)," said Krulicki, "but we're doing our best to counteract the negativity from the media."

Krulicki said he has been in close contact with companies Breakaway Tours deals with in Cancun.

The company is offering spring break packages to Cancun, Panama City Beach, Fla. and the Dominican Republic this year.

Conestoga Students Inc. (CSI) promotes the vacations, said Judy Dusick, CSI general manager.

"They organize and plan the trips they're going to offer to students for the year. Then they come to us

and ask us to help promote them. We advertise them and give students the forms and whatever information is available," Dusick said.

Although she said CSI was initially concerned about the damage done in Cancun affecting students' vacations, she said she was assured the services and facilities advertised will be available to holidaying students.

According to [travelyucatan.com](http://travelyucatan.com), Cancun was heavily damaged by the hurricane and they will not misguide people into booking a holiday until the resorts are back to normal.

The website also suggests people who want to vacation in the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico look into Playa del Carmen and hotels along the Mayan Riviera south to Tulum.

Travel web sites, including [fodors.com](http://fodors.com), an online travel wire, state the resorts and cities damaged by the hurricane as well as area airports will be up and running normally by the winter holiday season.

Along with promoting Breakaway Tours' packages, CSI receives one free trip for every 20 students who book bus and hotel packages or just hotel packages, said Krulicki, and one free trip for every 25 students who book hotel and airfare packages.

Dusick said CSI offers the free trips as prizes at dances and other CSI events.

The deadline to book a spring break holiday with Breakaway

Tours has been extended from Oct. 15 to Dec. 1.

Krulicki said the \$200 deposit students pay on their vacation is non-refundable, but if they decide not to go they can change the name on the reservation for a \$50 fee.

Students must pay the full amount for their trip by Dec. 1 if they have scheduled a flight pack-

age, or 60 days before departure for bus packages.

Krulicki said there are many clauses outlined on the back of the reservation forms that allow Breakaway Tours to change reservations for an equal or better value if something like a hurricane affected the trip.

However, the conditions also state Breakaway Tours cannot be

held responsible if some services described in the package are unavailable or not working.

Dusick said there have been no problems with the vacations offered in the past.

"(Breakaway Tours is) a reputable company and they've served student life for a long time. I wouldn't be concerned about it," she said.



(Photo by Brandon Walker)

## Blowing up trouble

The Weather Network said winds were gusting up to 76 km/h in Kitchener on Nov. 6, knocking down trees and power lines. Ballett's wedding store on King Street had a window shatter due to the extreme wind.

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# Gomery report incites election talk

On Oct. 31, Prime Minister Paul Martin went home, handed out candy to pint-sized ghosts and goblins and received a report that could have been a trick or a treat.

Quebec Superior Court judge John Gomery wrote the document, known as the Gomery report, after an investigation into the Liberal government's misuse of sponsorship funds. All of Canada eagerly awaited its release, knowing it could make or break the Liberal Party.

The results of this investigation show that we were/are being lead by men who don't have control of their own government.

After the 1995 Quebec Referendum the Liberal government set up the sponsorship program to promote Canada and unity in the province through cultural and sporting events.

In 1999, then Prime Minister Jean Chrétien called for a Royal Canadian Mounted Police investigation after allegations were made about misuse of the sponsorship funds.

A few years later, Chrétien asked Auditor General Sheila Fraser to audit the program. Her report, which was made public in February 2004, found up to \$100 million of the \$250 million spent on the sponsorship program from 1996 to 2001 had been paid to advertising firms for commissions and other fees.

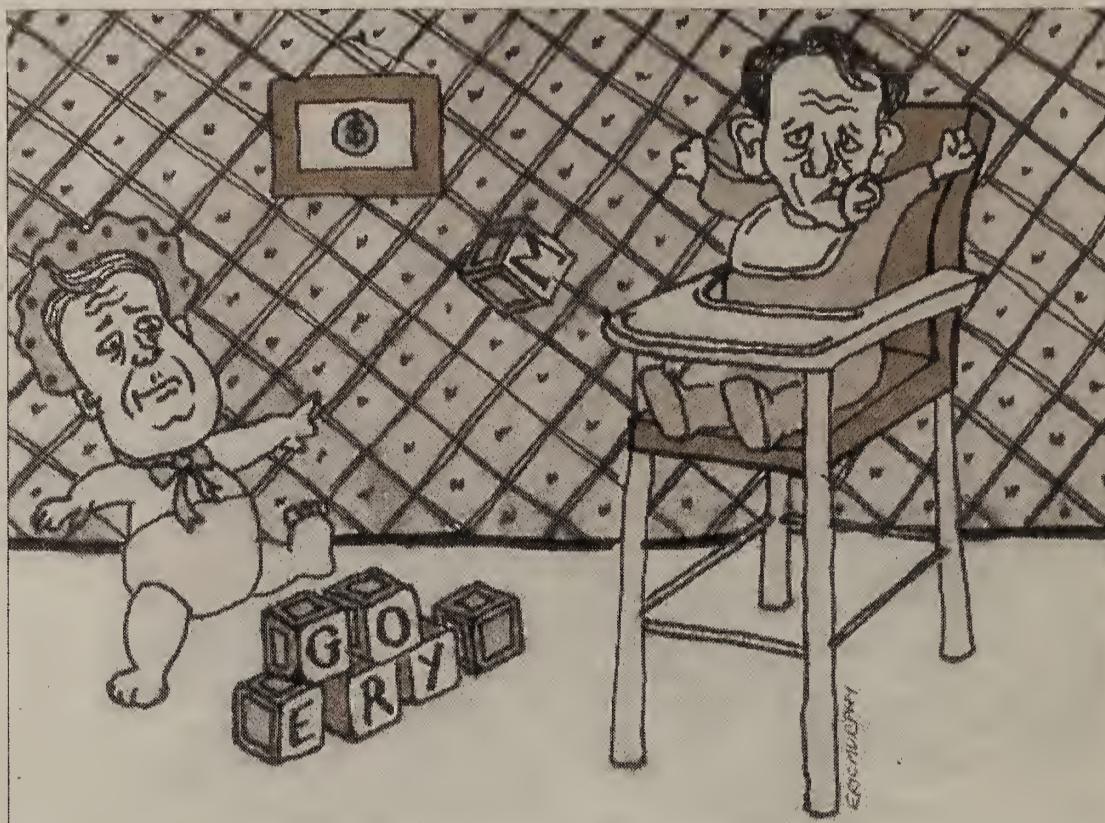
The same day the report was made public, Martin ordered a Commission of Inquiry into the sponsorship program, which was headed by Gomery. The commission's findings would become the Gomery report. Over the next year and a half the commission held public hearings, questioning many government officials thought to be involved in the sponsorship program, including Chrétien and Martin.

The report places all the blame on Chrétien and completely exonerates Martin, who was finance minister at the time.

This decision has to be looked at with some skepticism. While Chrétien certainly has to hold some sort of responsibility in all this, as it was his office that allowed it to happen, how could Martin, the finance minister, not have known about what was happening with all this money?

The report has incited a lot of talk about an election, which Martin has promised to call within 30 days of Gomery's filing of his final report (which makes it Feb. 1). The Conservatives are pushing for an election sooner, hoping that the public outrage over the report will be enough to force Martin to call it around Christmas.

This is something that needs to happen. Although a Christmas election campaign would be too rushed and it would just be another stress during an already stressful holiday season, Canadians should be allowed to show whether or not we still trust our own government, especially after our own Prime Minister claims our trust was abused.



Who's going to babysit these two?

## Thanks a latte

I work in a coffee shop where we get an influx of interesting characters on a daily basis.

I've had a 40-year-old man coming in three times a day trying to hook up with me. I've had one who regularly tries to come behind our counter and take things as he pleases. I've even had one come in and tell me all about his mail-order bride.

However, I've just experienced a new breed of odd.

After paying for his \$6 order with his credit card, a customer raised a stink about the tax. Apparently, in all his years of shopping, he was unaware that paying for purchases separately means less tax. Lucky me, he was stricken with this bolt of wisdom while he was standing in front of me.

He argued with my supervisor and held up the line that was already winding out the door, before demanding the difference on his two orders. We voided his transaction and refunded him his 44 cents. After all, I wouldn't want to be the Jinga piece that brought his kid's college fund toppling down.



Chantelle Timperley

Opinion

He then wanted us to inform our manager of his inconvenience, and he wanted her to write up a clear memo to all our customers telling them that paying separately means saving upward of 50 cents.

I might have been more understanding under three circumstances. One, that he understand how taxes work before he leaves his house. Two, that he acknowledge it's the government that deals with taxes, not us. Three, that he wasn't such a jerk.

I cannot imagine anyone's life to be that horrid that they need to go to these lengths to prove a point. He caused a scene over something that could have easily been fixed.

As much as I love my job and all the people I interact with, at the end of the day I acknowledge that it's still just coffee. I know

caffeine makes you crazy, but there's no need to get so worked up over it. I should have told him to reach his grubby paws into our tip jar and take it out if it meant he was breaking his bank account.

Where do these people come from? Do they lurk in the murky dark corners of the city and hold weekly meetings, discussing what other antics they're going to pull on us next?

No, I'm sorry, I don't care to see the scar from your groin injury. And yes, we really do need to close the doors in five minutes and as much as I'd love nothing more than to stay here for an extra unpaid hour while you banter back and forth, I need to go home at some point this year.

I can't wait to see what other types of people I'll be encountering in the professional world. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that they will at least have some common sense.

Next time you order a latte and you give us a headache, just remember who holds the power to press the decaf button.

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# Respect is a thing of the past

Where's all the respect gone? Kids today seem to have little or no inkling of how to address figures of authority.

Recently, I came across a group of young teens walking down the middle of the street towards me while I was driving to a friend's house. As the gap between us closed, the idea of barreling through the group of disconcerted youngsters pushed my stress level higher.

I greeted the group with a friendly honk only to be met with colourful sign language and glares. They slowly parted but looked at me like I was in the wrong to be driving my car down the road they happened to be walking on.

Gone are the days when the repercussions of poor behaviour

and lack of respect instilled fear in children and young teens.

As a child and early teen, the idea of having to face my parents after disrespecting them or another adult was enough to keep me in line.

My mother, who was very quick on the draw with the wooden spoon, dealt with disciplining my brothers and I swiftly and abruptly.

Before we realized it tears streamed down our cheeks and we were sure not to make the same mistake until the memory of a crisp smack disappeared.

After repeated infractions of disrespect and quick responses from my mother's hand of justice, the message was set in our minds to always respect our elders.

While in public, all it took was a glance of those skull-piercing



Eric Murphy

Opinion

glares from my dainty mother to restore peace and order to feuding brothers or any of us that stepped out of line.

But my brothers and I knew we were in big trouble when the "wait until your father gets home," was used so calmly and methodically by my mother.

Time and time again I've witnessed children of various ages in situations that have made me think to when I was a child and the thought that I would have been

done for if I or my brothers ever acted in such manner.

Of course, we grew up during the time corporal punishment was the weapon of choice for disciplinary action in many households.

Not anymore; today children seem to rule the roost. Do children have too much power?

They have the power to have their parents arrested if a single hair on their head is touched claiming child abuse.

The notion that my parents' method of discipline could be considered a beating or as child abuse is ridiculous.

We definitely didn't have any thoughts of calling the child welfare office either every time we received a smack, slap or tap for misbehaviour.

I understand the new laws give

those children living in poor abusive conditions a way to protect themselves, however, who is protecting the loving, innocent parents from disillusioned children.

More and more children are using these laws to threaten parents, barter for respect and garner power.

Parents have reached an all-time low, allowing cameras into their homes and welcoming TV friendly nannies with Mary Poppins-like accents to show them how to discipline their children.

I say bring back corporal punishment.

Bring back the fear and bring back respect.

Respect for others, respect for authority, respect for our environment. Maybe then children and teens will find respect for themselves.

## Loving the kid's table

Dinner, a time when kids sit around and giggle at the kids' table, the rickety old card table with one lopsided leg and not enough elbow room.

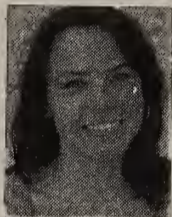
Its low to the ground, doesn't quite match up to the adult's table and sometimes consists of many smaller tables, depending on the crowd.

It's fun to sit in one of those coveted spots as a child. Everything is smaller and tailored for a little person. Each glass is filled with sparkling apple juice and tiny portions are set aside especially for pint-sized appetites.

It's a family tradition that is always followed at my house when relatives come to visit.

The light-hearted conversation usually centres on video games, cartoons and telling jokes to make the person across from you shoot milk from his nose.

As a kid I would look down the table to where the adults sat and wonder, "when will it be my turn to



Janet Morris

Opinion

sit up there?"

Parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents seemed to have such a great time in their big chairs at an oversized table.

Who decides when someone is old enough to move up from the kids' table anyway? Because in my family, as long as you don't have kids, you sit at the kids' table.

It doesn't matter if you're 25, living on your own, graduated from college and have a steady job. In the adults' eyes you're still a kid.

Now the table gets fancier and fancier as you get older and we are less prone to spilling food everywhere, but it doesn't matter how you dress it, that table is always the

same underneath.

It's the children around it who change over the years.

I'm looking forward to the evolution of the kids' table.

I can't wait to see those little seats filled with new mini family members.

Surely when my brothers, sister and I start to have children I won't still have to sit at the same table with nieces and nephews who fling mashed potatoes at one another. When Aunt Janet gets caught in the crossfire, the little angels will be eating in the backyard.

Like a right of passage I will move up and look from the adult table towards those kids and realize that we are all just kids at heart no matter what position we hold at the dinner table.

My uncle will still try and make my mom spray milk from her nose.

My brothers and cousins will crack jokes and talk about what's new. The family changes, but the tradition stays the same.

## It's time for the U.S. to pull out

When I read the Nov. 5 edition of The Record, I couldn't help but chuckle. It wasn't a chuckle of humour, though; it was one of those sarcastic moments of laughter about something I found typical of the United States.

In this particular edition of the paper, there is an article from the Associated Press about the Pentagon, considering \$15 billion in cutbacks to military equipment, such as aircraft, the building of ships and weapons.

The reason? According to the article, the Pentagon is struggling to pay for the war in Iraq.

I have a bit of a problem with this war. Aside from the U.S. invading Iraq on the notion that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and finding that there were none in the first place, aside from implementing the United States' idea of what democracy is and the number of U.S. soldiers who have been killed, I have a huge problem.



Jason Sonser

Opinion

Every time I hear about this war, I find myself asking why the U.S. is still there.

That's my problem. I really don't know why President George W. Bush and the U.S. army continue to remain in Iraq.

Sure, the U.S. is trying to assist in forming a democracy, and I'm sure it's noble of them to want to help make Iraq secure and peaceful.

However, I'm going to be very blunt and I really don't care who I anger with the following statement: I do not see a need for the United States' army to be in Iraq anymore.

In my opinion, the United States has accomplished everything they

sought to do when they strolled into Iraq.

The U.S. went there to look for weapons of mass destruction and found there were none. They really wanted to topple Saddam Hussein's regime and implement a democratic government in Iraq. Done and done.

So, why are they still there? For the past year, I've heard nothing but death tolls rising, explosions and suicide attackers.

The new Iraqi government isn't going to be a very good government if "Big Brother" USA is constantly there trying to solve problems. It's my belief that the Iraqi government should handle their own country now, because they're not going to be a strong government if they can't deal with their own issues.

I'm also a firm believer that people should clean up the mess they've made, but, in this case, I think the only way Iraq can become a better country is if the U.S. leaves Iraq alone.



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CONESTOGA  
STUDENTS INC

Hon. Christopher Bentley  
Minister of Training, Colleges & Universities  
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Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Monday November 7, 2005

Dear Minister Bentley,

As you prepare to design a new tuition fee framework, I am writing to urge you to act in the best interests of all Ontario college students and Ontarians to CAP tuition fees for the 2006-2007 academic year and beyond. As a member of the College Student Alliance (CSA), I am aware that your public tuition consultations will be concluding very soon and that you will be announcing the new tuition fee framework within the coming weeks.

Virtually all aspects of our economy and social well-being rely on a highly trained workforce. In today's competitive, knowledge-based economy, Ontario must produce greater numbers of skilled graduates.

Your government has come to the table with the infusion of \$6.2 billion to implement the 'Reaching Higher' plan for postsecondary education. As the Student President of Conestoga Students Inc., that represents over 6,000 students in full-time programs, I say thank you for the investment and dedication to postsecondary education.

Understandably, if your government must lift the tuition freeze for the 2006-2007 academic year than future tuition fee increases should be limited to a rate no greater than the core rate of inflation, measured by Ontario's Consumer Price Index (CPI).

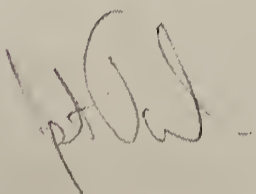
Students in Ontario are paying at least 145% more in tuition fees than in 1990. In addition to tuition fees, college students pay mandatory ancillary fees of between \$457-\$924 to cover the costs of some expenses previously covered by tuition fees and government grants such as information technology, employment services and convocation ceremonies.

The cost of attaining a college credential is not limited to tuition, but if tuition and other education related costs continue to increase, a college education will no longer be accessible or affordable to all Ontarians from every socio-economic background.

In the next couple of weeks, you will be hearing from college students from across the province urging you to CAP TUITION NOW! We hope that you listen to our reasonable and realistic request for a new tuition fee framework.

It is essential that your government CAP TUITON NOW so that our college system remains accessible and affordable to all students!

Respectfully,



Justin Falconer  
President  
Conestoga Students Inc.,  
Conestoga College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning

## **Conestoga Students Inc. present The 2005-2006 CHRISTMAS WISHTREE**

*The Christmas Wishree was designed to help those students with children who are less fortunate during the Holiday season. The tree will be located at door #4 (Tim Hortons) of the Doon campus.*

*For students wishing to enter their child as part of the Christmas wishtree, please visit the CSI office and leave your name, your childs age, phone number, and a gift suggestion. We will then place a tag on the Wishtree with the gift suggestion and age of the child.*

*For those wanting to help out please visit the Wishtree and pick up a tag. After purchasing the gift please drop it off at the CSI office for distribution.*

*The CSI office will contact the student and make arrangements for the gift to be picked up. Students with children 12 or UNDER can only qualify for this program, but we invite all College faculty, staff, and administration to help out with the purchasing of gifts.*

**START DATE: NOVEMBER 14TH, 2005**  
**Gifts must be returned to the CSI office**  
**by DECEMBER 5TH**

# Something unique to Brood about

By JASON SHERRITT

Every once in awhile, a band will pop up with a unique sound and a remarkable sense of musical creativity. Such bands create a new genre of music and are influential to subsequent progenitors. Bands such as The Yardbirds, Cream, Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath, Nirvana, and The Strokes.

Elliott Brood is a three-piece team of passionate mood setters and a force to be reckoned with. Their sound, which defies classification, has been called "death country" and "blackgrass."

With Mark Sasso, lead singer and banjo player, Casey Laforet, guitarist, and Stephen Pitkin, the suitcase stomping drummer and producer, Elliott Brood are poised to revolutionize the indie scene in Canada.

The Toronto-based band just released their debut album *Ambassador*, named after the bridge connecting Windsor and Detroit, on Six Shooter Records in Canada in early October. With reviews of praise, sounds of a foot-stomping saloon and songwriting that conveys love, death, and emotion both lyrically and musically, this band won't be fading into the sunset anytime soon.

I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with Sasso and Laforet in London on Oct. 29 after their final show of a CD release tour in Ontario. The duo, as Pitkin was in Chicago on other business, played an energetic acoustic set that got the crowd into a floor-stomping, hand-clapping frenzy.

Spoke: In the spirit of Halloween, what are you two scared of?

Casey: My fear is that we may have permanently damaged the floor in this bar tonight, I think, as a collective group of people.

Mark: I'll tell you what I'm really afraid of, though, is actually watching a scary movie and then having to walk home or run home. Like, late, late at night, even if it's

60 feet across a street, it's the scariest 60 feet of your life.

Spoke: What horror stories do you have from the road?

Casey: Our trips down the road have been pretty great so far.

Mark: I'll tell you horror stories. Trying to get out of Toronto to go and play someplace takes us two hours. It's the traffic. Beware the Don Valley Parkway.

Both: Ooooooh (scary ghost noises) (laughter)

Mark: (The Parkway's) closed this Sunday, Sunday, Sunday.

Casey: Open Monday, Monday.

Spoke: Late November, early December, you guys are touring Western Canada. Is the reception there greater or different in any way?

Mark: They dance a lot more there. When you go out West, everybody's like, from small towns going to big town Edmonton and they're like, woooooo, and they dance everywhere. Just like everybody stomped it up here, people stomped it up, but they didn't get up and dance. It doesn't matter to us, as long as you're into it, it makes it great for us.

Casey: It's completely, the relationship of the audience and everything. When the audience is pumped then you get more pumped and then you play better and they love it more. Tonight was the epitome of that, to hear the entire building kind of shake, was pretty awesome.

Spoke: When can we expect you guys back here in Ontario?

Mark: Well, I know that we're releasing in the States in January but, I would hope even early January we can get on the road and hit a couple of places here, then go to the States.

Casey: We'll be around Ontario for a long time.

Mark: We ain't leaving, I'm not leaving. My heart's right here.

Spoke: *Ambassador* is an atmospheric album that conjures emotion

much like *Goat's Head Soup* by The Rolling Stones.

Spoke: Was that intentional, the whole atmospheric mood?

Casey: We had an idea and the mood of what we wanted to do. The death march idea almost, was something that kind of stuck with me. The way the music starts on the CD it's at a point of dusk.

At *Twill* (the opening track) it's getting dark, then it just kind of gets heavier and darker and then when Jackson comes, it's like a morning. It's probably the most key moment for me on the record, that key changeover, leaving the front half and turning the corner completely.

Spoke: Literally, *Ambassador* is a link between Detroit and Windsor; metaphorically, I could also see it as a bridge between genres, musical taste and talent. You guys sort of bridge the whole gap, you don't really conform to a certain style.

Casey: Yeah, the key is to hopefully define our own thing. We're lucky, I think in that respect, that there really isn't much else that sounds like what we do. And I attribute that to the fact that we don't really know music. I don't know how to read it. I don't know anything about it, whatever comes out, comes out.

Mark: It's more soulful that way, we don't think about it too much. Whatever it is just gets written. I've said it before, to be a novelist you don't have to be a good typist and I'm not a very good typist man. I can type with two fingers, that's about it, you know? I play chords, (whispering) don't tell anybody I just play chords.

Casey: I like the idea of the name too, it's a bridge, and the album is an ambassador, you know what I mean? That's how I look at it. It's like, check this out, this is something different, you might like it. It's definitely a unique sounding record, for sure.

Mark: I think it's all over, and the nice thing is it floats from



(Internet photo)

Elliott Brood, who played a show at the Alex P. Keaton in London on Oct. 29, makes music inspired by life's desolate road.

space to space.

Spoke: As a closing question, this one might be a little tough. What physical object best represents or embodies Elliott Brood?

Casey: Wow. I'm looking at, well I'm looking at a black steam train. I think it's a steam train just without anyone driving it. And it's headed for trouble (laughs).

Mark: It's going off the cliff but you don't mind.

Casey: Yeah, that's what it is, it's a train driving over a cliff and everyone's just clapping and dancing (laughs).

Mark: It's almost like this. A long time ago I was just like, man, if I'm driving over a cliff, I'm telling a

joke on the way down. I'm gonna smile on the way down if I know it's gonna be the end. So yeah, it's that dark but with just a bit of a smile. A hint of, yeah, it's been good.

Casey: That's a good question, I like that question (laughs).

Mark: A big train going over the side.

Casey: With people just having the best time.

Mark: Without knowing it's the end.

Casey: Or caring.

Elliott Brood can be checked out, with a free download of their single *Second Son*, on the web at [www.ElliottBrood.ca](http://www.ElliottBrood.ca).



(Photo by Lee Evans)



(Photo by Adam Black)

## Gone with the wind

High winds blew the rest of the leaves off the trees on campus. Gusts reached 110 km/h in parts of the K-W area on Nov. 5. Does that mean snow is just around the corner? With mild temperatures and sunny weather, it's a tough thing to imagine.

# Will it be a CD or an MP3?

By ADAM HANNON

"Should I just buy a CD player, or should I splurge and get an MP3 player? Which one's better?"

These are all questions that many college students will ask themselves at one point or another, and the answers are not always easy to find.

Anthony Tarnowski, store manager of The Source on Franklin Boulevard in Cambridge, said that what format a person chooses depends on that person's needs.

"A CD or CD MP3 player is very simple to use, and relatively compact," said Tarnowski.

A normal 800 megabyte MP3 CD can hold about 150 songs.

He said CD players usually cost about half what the other formats do.

"If a person is computer savvy and sick of losing CDs, I would recommend an MP3 player."

*Anthony Tarnowski,  
The Source manager*

Tarnowski said the downsides of a CD player are that they're typically larger than the other types of music devices and are more susceptible to laser and hinge damage.

Tarnowski said MP3 players usually have more memory than other formats. Depending on the format, they can hold anywhere from a few hundred to several thousand songs.

He said there are two main types of MP3 players, ones that use flash memory, and ones that have hard drive memory.

Tarnowski said flash memory MP3 players, such as RCA MP3 players and the IPOD Shuffle, usually have up to one gigabyte of memory. This is enough room for about 200 to 250 songs.

"They are smaller and less susceptible to damage because they have no moving parts at all," he said.

A HD based MP3 player, such as some IPOD models, usually have more than a gigabyte of memory, which comes on removable HD memory cards. Tarnowski said he's heard of HD MP3 players having as much as 120 gigabytes of space.

"At that point it's a computer, there's that much memory on it," he said.

Tarnowski said a downside of the HD MP3 players is that since they have moving parts, they're more prone to damage than flash MP3 players. He said MiniDisk players also have this problem.

"You wouldn't want to go jogging with it in your hand, or you could break something inside," said Tarnowski.

A MiniDisk player uses a smaller CD, and can hold up to one gigabyte of music. They are smaller than CD players, but generally larger than most MP3 players.

"The only benefit compared to a CD player is they're smaller," he said.

The technology for MiniDisk players is owned exclusively by Sony. Tarnowski said these players are sometimes difficult for first-time users.

"If you haven't used the format before, it's kind of cumbersome," he said. "Unless you're a diehard Sony fan, there's not much of a market."

The sound quality of all the different formats is very close, he said.

"Sound quality is usually not an issue. There's virtually no difference in listening to the same track on a CD player as an MP3 player," said Tarnowski.

"The main factor is the quality of headphones you're using."

He also said if you're using an MP3 player, the amount of compression you're using on your music files can also affect sound quality.

He said he would recommend an MP3 player for most people.

"There's no extra software. It's like having 100 songs in your pocket," said Tarnowski.

Sony and Panasonic are both good brands for CD and MP3 players, he said.

CD players usually cost between \$30 and \$180, while MP3 players range between \$30 and \$400.

Chris Soliguin, from the Future Shop on Pinebush Road in Cambridge, said what kind of music playback device a person buys depends on the needs of each individual.

Soliguin said if a person has a huge CD collection, a CD player would probably be the best choice for them.

"If a person is computer savvy and sick of losing CDs I would recommend an MP3 player," he said. "They're much less bulky, and they don't skip."

Soliguin said there isn't any sound quality lost when you put music from a CD onto an MP3 player.



(Photo by Adam Hannon)

Anthony Tarnowski, store manager of The Source on Franklin Boulevard in Cambridge, displays a new MP3 player.

**Student Leadership Opportunity!**

## THE FACTS: The Student Life Leadership Committee

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- ✚ A residence student
- ✚ A mature student
- ✚ Two students from any year, any program at Doon Campus
- ✚ One student each from Guelph & Waterloo campus
- ✚ CSI representatives, Faculty & Staff!

Get your application to Leanne by December 2, 2005. A committee will be selected – and you will be notified of this amazing opportunity to participate by December 9, 2005. The committee will meet once a week for 2 exciting and fast-paced hours beginning the first week of January – and will meet for 3-5 action-packed weeks.

### Don't wait!

Get onto **CONNEX** - your new student life website:

(<http://www.conestogac.on.ca/jsp/stserv/connex/index.html>) or drop by, say hi to Leanne and pick up your application today!



# Stephen Lewis spreads the word on AIDS

By LEE EVANS

One of Canada's most respected public figures and social watchdogs shared glimmers of hope in the AIDS pandemic in Africa.

Stephen Lewis, former NDP leader of Ontario, spoke to the nearly 700 people who crowded St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Kitchener Nov. 3.

He was also there to promote his new book, *Race Against Time: The 2005 Massey Lectures*, published by Anansi Press.

The UN Special Envoy on HIV/AIDS to Africa shared anecdotes of his many visits to that country over the past 45 years. He spoke of the African people's spirit of courage, community and generosity in the face of horrifying conditions.

Due to the AIDS pandemic in sub-Saharan Africa, more than 500 million children are not in school and nearly 60 per cent of those are girls.

"What is happening on the ground today," said Lewis, "is so horrible, there are no words to describe it."

The way he spews out statistics, one realizes they are as familiar to him as his social insurance number. Yet his familiarity with the subject has not hardened him. In fact, there was a suspicious catch in his voice and a protracted pause in his delivery as he told of the hellish impact this disease is having on the fabric of African society.

Seven to eight million young adults between the ages of 15 and 24 are HIV positive in Africa. More disturbing, 76 per cent of those are girls and young women. Of all the people in Africa affected with the disease, 60 per cent are women.

"Never historically has there been one disease that has so savagely decimated one sex," said Lewis.

The audience of mostly middle-aged, middle-class white people heard even more disturbing facts.

The riskiest environment in which to catch the disease in urban Africa is amongst married women, with older husbands. The women do not have the cultural approval to refuse their husbands' sexual demands, to insist their partners wear a condom, or the financial



(Internet photo)

Stephen Lewis, UN Special Envoy to Africa on HIV/AIDS, poses with children while touring Africa. He says that the AIDS pandemic can be defeated with joint efforts between the international community and the African countries themselves. He describes the lack of resources donated by wealthy countries as "mass murder by complacency."

resources to access treatment.

Lewis said in conversations with presidents of some of these countries, they have used words like "extermination" and "holocaust" to try and describe the way the disease is ruthlessly destroying their workforce.

A whole generation of farmers, doctors, teachers and factory workers is being wiped out. Agricultural productivity cannot be maintained, as most of the rural farming is done by women. People must have adequate food intake for certain AIDS drugs to work.

Most natural disasters take the very young and the very old, said Lewis, but the AIDS pandemic works in reverse — it takes all the healthy, young adults in their 20s through to their 40s.

In Zambia, over the past 25 years, the average life expectancy has dropped to 37 years. It hasn't been that low anywhere since the Industrial Revolution.

There are now 14 to 15 million orphans in sub-Saharan Africa and that figure is expected to rise to 18 to 20 million by the year 2010, Lewis said.

Child-headed households are the norm, and often the age of the head of the home is an eight-year-old child.

"These children become orphans while their parents are dying,"

Lewis emphasized, "not after they die."

These children clean up their parents during the worst parts of the illness as best they can, with appallingly meager resources.

Lewis said while travelling through Uganda he frequently came across grandmothers looking after eight to 10 children after burying their adult children. These children eat only once a day, and nothing on weekends. In one of the worst cases, an older woman had buried all five of her adult children, and was now caring for four of her grandchildren, all of whom were HIV positive.

He tells of being shown modest income-generating projects run by grassroots organizations across Africa. For a man rarely at a loss for words, one experience left him speechless.

He visited a small farm run by a group of HIV-positive women who were growing cabbages to raise money. When he asked what they did with the profits, they stared at him like the answer was obvious, and replied, "We buy coffins of course, Mr. Lewis. There are never enough coffins."

Lewis recalls visiting a children's hospital ward in Namibia, and hearing the heart-wrenching wails of mothers as another child died with stunning regularity

every 15 to 20 minutes.

"A sense of death is so pervasive in that country," said Lewis, "and their courage and decency is so admirable."

Lewis spoke of positive developments that are bringing hope to some areas.

Two pharmaceutical companies in India have started manufacturing generic drugs at far reduced prices than the regular drug companies. They combine three drugs into one dose to be taken twice a day, which simplifies the treatment and encourages compliance.

Bill Clinton and his non-profit organization managed to negotiate the prices down to \$139 per person per year.

"He did more out of office than he did in office," Lewis joked.

Although there have been anti-retroviral drugs available since 1996, only this month have pediatric doses been available for children.

Ongoing research is developing a microbicide gel that women can apply to themselves that will prevent the transmission of the virus but allow conception, very important in communities that have been traumatized by too many infant deaths. They are about four years away from getting it on the market.

UNICEF announced last October their goal is to raise over \$1 billion

over the next six years to help AIDS-stricken children with health care, food and school fees.

During the question and answer period that followed, an audience member asked what individuals could do to help.

Join a non-profit organization such as the Presbyterian World Service Development Organization, Lewis answered. They sponsored his appearance at the church and announced after his speech that through ticket sales that evening they were able to donate \$16,000 to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

The foundation was established in 2003 to channel donated money to grassroots, non-profit organizations in Africa directly assisting women and children living with or affected by AIDS.

Other reputable organizations Lewis mentioned to join or donate money to included UNICEF, World Vision and Doctors without Borders.

Other ways to help that Lewis spoke of were travelling to a country to volunteer, work in your community to raise awareness and funds and raise these issues at election time.

"Candidates from a minority government are remarkably sensitive to public opinion," he quipped.

He referred to his website as an educational tool and a resource to other groups doing good work in Africa.

Public education is finally making a difference in some African countries, Lewis said.

In Uganda, the occurrence rate of HIV/AIDS had dropped to 7 per cent from 20 per cent with the use of the phrase "zero grazing." It refers to zero tolerance for multiple sex partners.

In Ghana, a condom campaign is plastered on billboards everywhere with the blunt slogan, "If it's not on, it's not in."

Senegal's rate of transmission is now down to 2 per cent due to an aggressive public awareness campaign.

Lewis ended the evening after two standing ovations with a book signing, while church volunteers served refreshments.

For more information on his work, go to [www.stephenlewisfoundation.org](http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org).

## Conestoga College Recreation Centre

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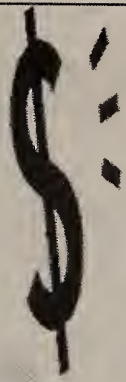
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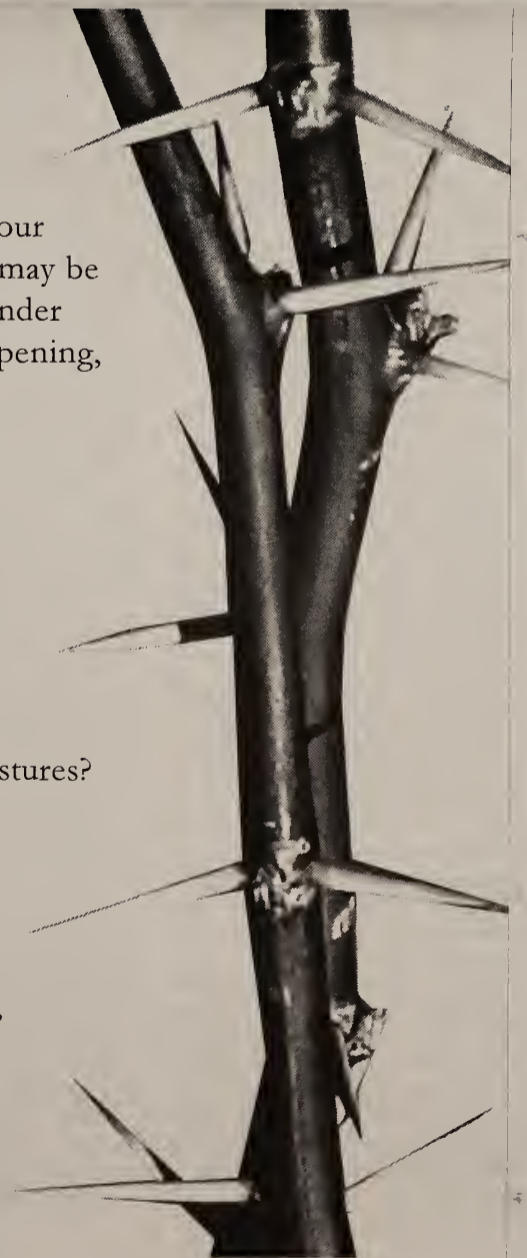
### Are you abusive?

Have you ever wondered why you sometimes feel as though you must have control over your partner's actions, relationships, and behaviours? In other words, are you aware that abuse may be taking place in your relationship? You may be emotionally abusing your partner without understanding what you are doing or why you are doing it. Or, you may understand what is happening, but not know how to stop.

- \* Do you blame your partner whenever things go wrong?
- \* Do you control what your partner does, whom they see and talk to, the use of the phone or car, and where they go?
- \* Are you jealous of your partner's friends, male or female?
- \* Do you say hurtful things and then say you were only joking?
- \* Do you put fear in your partner by smashing things, or by using looks, loud voices or gestures?
- \* Have you ever hit, slapped, grabbed or pushed your partner?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, help is available. Realizing that you may be exhibiting abusive behaviour is the first step in combating it. Counsellors are available in the Student Services Office, Doon Campus, Room 2B04, Guelph Campus, Admin. Office, or Waterloo Campus, Room A3. Drop in to make an appointment, or call 748 5220 ext. 3360 for Doon Campus, 824 9390 ext. 148 for Guelph Campus, or 885 0300 ext. 224 for Waterloo Campus. Community support is available through your Student Services Office.

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# Have you 'heard' about the new program?

By TARA RICKER

Everyone has heard baby boomers are starting to age and that one of the main effects of aging is hearing loss.

This, in turn, will mean a demand for hearing loss specialists.

Conestoga College has responded by starting a new hearing instrument specialist continuing education program this past September.

"All of a sudden there's going to be this huge bubble of people who are going to need hearing aids," said Dr. Ted Venema, co-ordinator of the hearing instrument specialist program at the college. "There's going to be a ton of jobs opening in this field."

Venema is also a professor in the audiology department at the University of Western Ontario.

He thought Conestoga College needed a program like this because of all the hearing aid companies in the area.

"Kitchener is a bit of a Jerusalem of hearing aid companies," said Venema.

A hearing instrument specialist (HIS) conducts hearing tests and

recommends hearing aids. They first find out what degree of hearing loss someone has and whether or not they need to be referred to a doctor. They then choose and recommend a specific kind of hearing aid for the person to wear. Once the hearing aid is selected they then set it and fit it to the individual's ear. Today's hearing aids are digital.

An audiologist can test children but an (HIS) cannot. An audiologist is a master's degree-trained professional who deals with individuals who require special attention, such as individuals who are mentally or physically challenged, infants and babies.

An audiologist has a bigger scope of practice than an HIS but most people who need hearing aids are elderly individuals. An HIS specializes in dealing with the elderly.

This field is a mixture of three parts, anatomy, psychology and electronics.

"You have to like working with people and you have to be able to identify with them," said Venema.

"You also have to know electronics inside and out because hearing aids

are built out of electrical components."

In order to enroll in the program you have to already have either a university degree or a college diploma.

It is a two-year post-degree/post-diploma program that is offered at night. Graduates of the program will participate in the fitting of

hearing aids in private practice, in hearing aid manufacturing or in a hospital setting. The program includes courses in acoustics and perception of sound, anatomy of the ear, measurement of hearing sensitivity, digital and analog hearing aid electronics, measurement of hearing aid function, professional ethics and business management.

The program also offers two summer field placements, which enable students to gain experience.

Enrolment for the program was higher than expected, therefore, the college may consider offering it as a full-time program within the next couple of years.

"It's a neat and hidden field but it's only going to grow."



(Photo by Tara Ricker)

The new hearing instrument specialist continuing education program is a dream come true for co-ordinator Dr. Ted Venema. The college started the program this September.

## Latin dance club worth the expense

By BRANDON WALKER

The vice-president of the Latin dance club said the club is expensive to run but it's worth the debt.

"(The instructor) costs \$100 a week (for two hours)," said Troy Brundle, a second-year broadcasting student. "So if you look at having people pay only \$5 a lesson, we'd need 20 people to pay for that. But (almost) half of our expenses are covered by Conestoga Students Inc. (CSI)."

At each lesson, Brundle and the president of the club, Andrea Diaz, a first-year general business student, supply students with pop, chips and water, which they pay for out of their own pockets.

"We're going into debt anyway," Brundle said. "It's worth it for the experience of being in a club or running a club."

He said although the club offered the first lesson for free to students the cost of the instructor still came out of their budget and at the end of year fiesta the instructor will teach an extra hour as well, which he thinks may also come out of their pocket.

CSI provides a yearly budget of \$800 to clubs in the college.

The dance club started in early September with a free class so students could see if they wanted a membership for the semester, which costs \$40 for eight lessons. Or, if a student wanted to drop in and try a class, it's \$10.

Brundle said the single class fee may seem high but it's an attempt to encourage students to take advantage of the membership instead. "Then they want to come out, they think, I've already paid for this, I want to get my money's worth."

"And that way, the instructor is paid for," he said.

Students should be aware if they sign up for a membership it's non-refundable.

"We gave a free tryout class at the beginning of the semester (to give people an idea of what the class is like)," he said. "Our policy sheet that we handed out to everyone says \$40 for the semester, non-refundable, to stop us from getting in trouble. That was just one of the things that seemed important."

Brundle said posters advertised the single class fee at being \$5 at first but that information was incorrect.

He said when he and Diaz were planning the club they thought of using the budget to run the club for one semester only, so students could attend for free.

"Andrea and I put our heads together and came to the conclusion that we wanted to keep it going all (year)," Brundle said. "This is something we are dedicated to doing next semester, even next year."

The club was aiming to get 10 students to sign up for memberships, to pay for at least the cost of the instructor. Brundle said the club has about 11 members that attend regularly.

"So on days when we've had 18, I thought, 'Wow, look at this, we're dancing, we're having a good time, this is really cool.' I've been really happy with it," he said.

The Latin dance club will hold an all ages (minimum age 17) fiesta Nov. 29 in the Sanctuary that will start at 8:30 p.m., tentatively. Alcohol will be served at the event in a special VIP section.

Students will be entertained by members of the club showing off their dance moves and will have a chance to win prizes.



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# Animated cinema comes to Waterloo

By JESSICA BLUMENTHAL

If you want to add a little bit of culture, or just some fun and art in your life, then the fifth annual Waterloo Festival for Animated Cinema (WFAC) might be what you're looking for. The WFAC is showing nine award-winning films from around the world at the Princess Twin cinemas in Waterloo from Nov. 17 to 20.

The 2-D animated films, otherwise known as traditional animation, playing are Alosha Popovich i Tugarin Zmey, Mind Game, Strings, Frank and Wendy, Nyócker!, Terkel i Knibe, Kihachiro Kawamoto Retrospective, Fragile Machine and Kumou no Mukou, Yakusoku no Bashou.

The feature films are chosen because they won highly regarded awards from around the world, said Joseph Chen, curator for the WFAC.

"It's a rare opportunity to see these films, which probably won't ever come back, in your own backyard (Waterloo) on 40- to 60-foot screens (what they're created to be viewed on)."

Chen said the festival is a celebration of the creative spirit, adding the 2-D films offer an exaggeration of motion that 3-D, like Corpse Bride or Wallace and Gromet, don't offer. It's hard to make a computer do things that are unrealistic whereas when the animator draws, moulds clay or uses puppetry, it allows for more creativity. Animation films are made from scratch frame by frame and there are no actors or sets so the creator's imagination is allowed to run wild.

The chosen films go above and beyond your everyday Disney feature film so it's worth checking out something new, he added.

"When forks do well, don't use chopsticks and when chopsticks do well, don't use forks," said Chen, referring to film, animation and storytelling. All the films tell indepth stories.

Kumou no Mukou, Yakusoku no Bashou, which translates to A Place Promised in Our Early Days, is a Japanese film about an alternate 20th-century earth where Japan is divided and on the verge of war. Three children make a vow that threatens to test their friendship and puts them in the middle of disorder while a mysterious tower is being built to the sky. The film plays Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Terkel i Knibe, which means Terkel in Trouble, is about a normal 11-year-old boy with a normal life except somebody is out to kill him. It's a Danish film playing Nov. 17 at 9 p.m.

The film from Estonia, Frank and Wendy, is about two American secret agents who are sent to Estonia, the world's hotbed of danger, to save the world. Frank and Wendy plays Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Nyócker!, (The District) is a Hungarian film. A man named Richie hatches a plan to change the infamous and impoverished Eighth district by going back in time to create an oil reserve to calm hostilities between rival clans. He learns that with success comes international repercussions. The showing time is Nov. 18 at 9 p.m.

Alosha Popovich i Tugarin Zmey, which translates to Alosha Popovich and Tugarin the Serpent, is a Russian film. It is about a man who goes on a comical epic journey to retrieve the gold from the Russian city of Rostov and get his reputation revived from the warlord Tugarin after his failed plan results in the destruction of Rostov. The film plays Nov. 19 at 10 a.m.

Fragile Machine, an American film, is about a grieving scientist who volunteers to be the subject in experiments designed to meld man and machine which ends in disaster. The film plays Nov. 19 at 1 p.m.

There is a free workshop on Nov. 19 at 2:30 p.m. where Mike Nguyen, a renowned animator who has worked on Beauty and the Beast, the Little Mermaid and the

Road to El Dorado, is giving a sneak preview of My Little World. He is also speaking about traditional animation and showing the work of My Little World in progress.

The Japanese film Mind Game is about a shy, aspiring artist who is gunned down by a soccer-mad yazuka and given a second chance by God to live each day to the fullest. He rescues his high school sweetheart and her sister from death, but then they find themselves trapped inside a whale with a hermit, seafood and other distractions. Mind Game plays Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. The creators of the film are attending the screening so the audience will be able to discuss Mind Game with them.

A Japanese master of puppetry, Kihachiro Kawamoto, offers his retrospective look into the ancient art of animation on Nov. 19 at 9 p.m.

Strings, a Denmark film, is about a young Emperor Hal Tara, heir to the throne of Hebalon, who is charged with avenging his father's death. Martial law is declared in Hebalon and the gates are locked so no one outside can enter. Tara disguises himself as a slave and leaves the palace with his father's sword in hand to find the Zeriths, the Heblonian's arch enemies. Tara learns that the lines between friends and foes can be blurred. He has to figure out who are his friends and who are his enemies all as a major new war is beginning and peace and justice need to be re-established. It plays Nov. 20 at 1 p.m.

The admission price is \$10 per film for advanced tickets. Festival passes for the four days are \$75. Group and youth discounts are available. The prices are higher at the door so for students on a budget who want to see more than seven films, the pass is the way to go, or purchase advance tickets. Tickets are available at the Centre In The Square, Gemini Jetpack at 255 King St. N. Waterloo, [www.wfac.ca](http://www.wfac.ca), or by phone at 578-1570 or toll-free at 1-800-265-8977.



(Photo by Steph Baulk)

## A trickle of concern

The violent thunderstorm on Nov. 9 wreaked havoc on the fourth floor TV studio at Doon campus. Rainwater from a leak in the roof poured down the wall to the floor where a lot of electrical equipment is stored, causing faculty and students to be concerned.



## HOROSCOPE

Week of November 14, 2005



### Aries

March 21 - April 19

There's nothing to be ashamed of, Aries, everyone's different. You just happen to be very different. Wear it like a badge. Don't streak though, you'll get in trouble. Lucky day: 15



### Libra

September 23 - October 22

There is no rush this week, Libra, so take your time, smell the roses. Make sure to get your schoolwork done, but other than that, put your feet up and take a breather. Lucky day 19



### Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Your strength is also your weakness, Taurus. You're stubborn. Use it to your advantage. You can't win every argument although you'd argue otherwise. Lucky day: 17



### Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

Smile. As hard as things might be, they will get easier but not for a while. You'll find you'll feel better once you smile, it sends a subliminal message of happiness to your mind. Lucky day: 17



### Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Curiosity killed the cat, Gemini, although cats do get nine lives, and you've only got one, so be careful. Before you comment or question a friend, ask yourself if it's important. Lucky day: 16



### Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

There is a rebellious side to you, Sagittarius, at least for this week. Use it to your advantage, like a torch in the night. There are things bothering you that must be said. Lucky day: 14



### Cancer

June 22 - July 22

These are the days of your life, Cancer. And they truly are a soap opera aren't they? Quit being so dramatic. It's time to face the facts, you're a grown-up now. So grow up. Lucky day: 15



### Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

The world is your pearl this week, Capricorn. Don't ever say no one does anything for you. People will be lying in mud puddles just to keep your shoes clean. Lucky day: 15



### Leo

July 23 - August 22

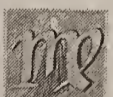
Aren't you tired of being the king or queen of your castle all alone? Afraid of finding that special someone? No, they won't think you're the court jester. Be subtle, no green and red outfits with bells. Lucky day: 18



### Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

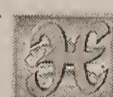
Your life is like a merry-go-round, Aquarius, you keep experiencing the same things over and over. The reason is you keep making the same choices every time you get another shot. Learn from mistakes. Lucky day: 18



### Virgo

August 23 - September 22

This week will bring passion and romance, Virgo, that is if you can stop fussing with yourself long enough to look at the big bold world around you. Fidgeting is not something people find attractive. Lucky day 20



### Pisces

February 19 - March 20

Your thoughts are drowning deep inside you, Pisces, let them out. Even if all you do is buy a journal. Try to stay positive and if something is bothering you, perhaps a confrontation is in order. Lucky day: 19



Brandon Walker is a second-year journalism student holding fate in the palm of his hand.

# Champ Car waves checkered flag on 2005

By BRENT GERHART

With television ratings, revenue and race attendance all predicted to be on the rise, The Champ Car World Series (CCWS) finished a successful season on Nov. 6 in Mexico City.

Sebastien Bourdais clinched Champ Car's most valuable prize, the Vanderbilt Cup, with a victory at the Lexmark Indy 300 in Australia, even though there was still one more contest to complete the 13-race season.

While Bourdais dominated in the points, Canada's Paul Tracy was almost always on the outside looking in. The 2003 champion started the season strong with a second place finish (behind Bourdais) and two victories to go along with a third place finish throughout the first five races. However, the second half of the season was not kind to "The Thrill from West Hill."

After dominating the Grand Prix of Cleveland, Tracy's luck turned sour at the Molson Indy Toronto. A quick pit stop allowed the hometown hero to pass Bourdais for the lead. The Frenchman attempted to overtake Tracy while re-entering the track, but the risky move snapped the 15-year veteran's front left wing and shredded one of Bourdais' tires.

In one of the most memorable moments of the season, while missing the front left wing, Tracy steered his No. 3 car to about a 10-second lead over the field until a miscommunication with his Forsythe Champion Racing pit crew and an untimely yellow flag caused him to run out of fuel. Tracy did not win another race and finished fourth in the '05 point standings.

Tracy's lack of production was a stepping stone for other drivers, especially Oriol Servia (Newman/Haas Racing) and Wilson.

Servia began the season with Dale Coyne Racing, but jumped ship to the league's top team when the three-time consecutive runner up Bruno Junquiera was seriously injured during the Indy 500. With his new team, Servia had his first career victory at the Molson Indy Montreal and finished second in points standings.

In his second Champ Car season, and first with RuSport, Wilson finished third in points. The Englishman celebrated his first career victory by winning the Molson Indy Toronto and won the season finale in Mexico City as well. Wilson's teammate, A.J. Allmendinger, rounded out the final Top 5.

Although the series is creating new young stars such as Wilson, Allmendinger and Roshfrans



(Photo by Brent Gerhart)

The returning (from Formula 1) Christiano Da Matta and teammate Jimmy Vasser walk to their cars, at what could have been Vasser's final Molson Indy Montreal. In the race, the 2002 and 1996 champions finished sixth and seventh, respectively.

Rookie of the Year winner Timo Glock, they may be losing a former champion.

The 1996 CART champion Jimmy Vasser (PKV Racing) constantly danced around answering questions regarding his retirement. The 39-year-old had a successful year, finishing

sixth in points, however, it is expected he will move over and let a younger driver take his seat on a team which he is part owner.

With a new television package that has seven races to be broadcasted on CBS and NBC and the rest on SPEED, CCWS hopes to

continue building momentum during their 2006 season. Currently, 15 races are scheduled, including new stops at Houston, Ansan (South Korea) and a different layout in Las Vegas. The 2006 season will begin at The Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach on April 9.

## Conestoga may expand varsity teams

By JON YANEEFF

Professional sports leagues expand their teams every once in a while.

The league chooses the place for the team based on location, facilities and possibility fan support.

Conestoga College currently has Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) varsity teams in badminton, golf, men's and women's indoor and outdoor soccer, rugby and women's fastball.

Conestoga doesn't have teams in men's and women's basketball, cross-country, curling, men's and women's volleyball and touch football.

Athletic director Marlene Ford said there are many reasons why Conestoga doesn't have some varsity teams.

"If there was a curling team, we would need a curling pad and for touch football, we would need another field to play and practise on," she said. There had previously been a touch football team at the college back in the 1980s.

Ford said men's and women's basketball and volleyball were both

cut in 1995 after a visibility study was done on all the varsity sports at the college.

"The college looked at everything from the number of students trying out for the teams, the number of players on a team, the coaching staff, how many hours of practising they did, how many home games they played, how their fan base was and how they did in the standings during a season," said Ford.

She said basketball got cut because of the number of hours the team practised in the gym and sometimes only seven players would show up for practice.

When the sports were cut the men's and women's basketball teams were doing awful, the women's volleyball team was very close to making the playoffs and the men's volleyball team won a silver medal. It was back when there were two divisions, tier 1 and 2, and Conestoga was in the lower division (tier 2).

"It was getting harder to compete against the bigger colleges such as Humber, Sheridan and Seneca," said Ford. "When these colleges

have more students to choose from it was hard to remain competitive every year."

Over the last couple of years the college started a men's basketball team to play exhibition games against some of the local colleges, such as Georgian, Fanshawe and Sheridan, but it never worked out.

Ford said for basketball or volleyball teams there's got to be about a two-year probation period where the teams would just play in invitational tournaments and exhibition games before the teams can get their foot in OCAA's door and be known as a competitive team.

"I would love to see basketball or volleyball come back and if we can get students who are interesting in playing that can push it, then maybe a rebirth of the varsity sports are possible," said Ford, who played varsity volleyball when she attended Conestoga between 1991-'94.

The college would have to do some refurbishing of the gyms for any new varsity basketball and volleyball teams because the courts aren't set up for it and the score clocks don't work anymore.

"People in the past have asked about starting varsity basketball or volleyball teams, but their programs may only be two years so then they don't like the idea that they wouldn't be playing competitively so the team plans are dropped because of lack of support," said Ford. "Most students don't like structured sports. We had intramural men's basketball and no one signed up, but we'd get 30 to 40 come in on Friday afternoons for pick-up basketball in the gym."

Conestoga's president John Tibbits said the college has been putting a lot of emphasis on getting students involved with intramural sports, but if there are any ideas for new varsity teams the college would be open to listening.

"Personally I think sports are great, but you have to have a demand for the sport with people to play against," said Tibbits. "I think our first priority is to make sure the college has the best intramural sports."

Ford said the gym space at the college is a big reason why new varsity teams aren't starting.

"From early in the morning, Monday to Friday, there's fitness classes for police foundations and law and security, firefighting and paramedics, which take up the gym until about 4 p.m.," said Ford. "Then, after that, there are intramural sports such as ball hockey, varsity sports such as badminton and community soccer leagues."

On weekends there are now Christmas parties that run right through until January and on Sundays the gym is rented for community tournaments such as ball hockey and volleyball.

"We have to figure out what we can cut out to allow a new varsity team to use the gym space to practise," said Ford. "Ideally, if we could add another gymnasium then we could give space to the varsity athletes."

Ford said she's going to be seriously talking about getting a cross-country team started at the college.

"There are always people interested every year," said Ford. "It's not a huge commitment with a short season and with a good team it could lead to a national championship."

## Rec centre hosts charity volleyball tournament

By ERIC MURPHY

Doon Pioneer Park Community Association held a charity volleyball tournament at the Conestoga rec centre on Nov. 5.

"The association provides sport and educational programs to the Doon and Pioneer Park communities," said Pat Muller, the association's volleyball co-ordinator. "The association executive will decide how to use the proceeds."

Muller said the association is one of the strongest in Kitchener.

"It's the people behind it that make the association so good," he said. "We are very lucky with the volunteers we have."

Having volunteers like John McLellan is what makes teams want to return to the tournaments Muller said.

"John has been involved in all the tournaments. Plus we provide good value for a decent price."

Muller and McLellan have created a database of how all the teams involved in their tournaments have done in the past Muller said.

"The database helps us organize teams by skill level and experience. This way we don't have really good teams playing not so good teams. It's the only way to run good tournaments and have teams return."

This volleyball tournament is a precursor to two more being held at the rec centre in February and April.

"The 36-team tournament on Feb. 18 will be held at the rec centre and a local high school," said Muller. "But the tournament on April 14 is the only two-day indoor tournament in Ontario as far as I know."

Muller said the association's volleyball classic will involve 120 teams, numerous volunteers and will be held at the rec centre as well as local high schools.

"It is one of the biggest and

cheapest two-day indoor volleyball tournaments around," he said. "Other tournaments have been known to cost up to \$400 but ours will only cost \$200."

Sports tournaments have been a great way to raise funds over the years Muller said.

"Conestoga is always one of our first options in running tournaments. The college has always been good to us and we're happy it's involved."

# Rugby field is a long-term project

By JON YANEEFF

The 2004 Stanley Cup winners, Tampa Bay Lightning, play their home games at the St. Pete Times Forum in Tampa Bay, Fla. The 2005 World Series champions, Chicago White Sox, play their games at U.S. Cellular Field on the south side of Chicago, Ill. The three-time Super Bowl champions, New England Patriots, play at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass. Finally, the NBA champions, San Antonio Spurs, play at the SBC Center in San Antonio, Texas.

What these winning franchises have in common is they all play in facilities that they call home.

Conestoga's men's rugby team just won their second bronze medal (their first coming in 2003) at the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) championships in Hamilton Oct. 30 and they didn't have a steady regular home field all season. Currently they rent fields from the City of Cambridge, which had them play two games at Bill Struck Memorial Field, and one game at Jacob Hespeler High School. They have also played at Rogers field in the past.

"The city decided to shut down Bill Struck field two weeks earlier for field maintenance reasons so the rugby team had to move to Jacob Hespeler for the last game of the season," said athletic director Marlene Ford. "A lot of city fields shut down around Thanksgiving for field maintenance before winter."

Ford said all three fields are kept in good shape.

"The uprights get lined whenever we ask for them to be, the fields are on a sprinkler system and they tend to be in better shape for the amount of pressure that gets put on the field during the season," said Ford. "Our fields don't have an arrogation system, so we even ask our soccer teams to practise off the field every once in a while."

She said there are many reasons why the rugby team doesn't have their own field.

"We only have one soccer field here at the campus and two teams (men's and women's soccer) already play on it," said Ford. "Ideally, I wouldn't mind seeing one of our three baseball diamonds being changed into a rugby field someday."

Ford said there would be several complications for the rugby team to play at the soccer field.

"Our soccer field is rented out to the community in the summer so we make the size of the field a little bit smaller, compared to wider in the fall when the soccer teams play," said Ford. "The reason we are able to do this is our soccer nets are not anchored in the ground so they're movable. If we put uprights for rugby on the nets then we need permanent nets, which would cause more wear and tear in the 18-yard box in the end zone."

Some of the players said having their own field at the Doon campus would be better for the team.

"It would be easier to have a permanent field to practise for future generations of Conestoga rugby teams so the soccer teams

don't complain that the rugby players are chewing up the field with more wear and tear," said second-year veteran John Field, a third-year architecture-construction engineering technology student. The rugby team currently practises in the outfield of one of the baseball diamonds. They use the soccer field when it isn't in use or when only one soccer team is practising.

"I would like to have the rugby field here and see our guys play here and walk from our change rooms rather than getting in their cars and picking up uniforms and equipment from the recreation centre," said Ford. On game day I make a bunch of trips myself, from the recreation centre to the field in Cambridge. It would definitely be much easier to take a short walk to the field to set things up."

She said every year the college looks at possible scenarios to bring a rugby field to the college, not just because they usually contend, but also because she thinks they would attract a great fan base.

"We would probably get a few extra people out for home games," she said. "The rugby team gets a lot of student support as it is and that's students getting in their cars and driving to Cambridge rather than coming over from the residence or from around the area."

Ford said if Conestoga would host the OCAA championships in the next few years the games probably wouldn't be on site, even if there was a rugby field on campus. "Humber College is the only

college to have their own rugby field and the process was well over \$6,000 last year for brand new nets and uprights," she said. "Budget-wise it makes sense for us to continue renting the Cambridge fields because of the minimal cost factor." It only costs

the team around \$40 per game to rent.

Ford said the college tries to figure out the best way to keep its seven varsity teams competitive while distributing the money available for the fields and the teams equally.



(Photo by Janet Morris)

## A rousing game of fun

The Free Agents play the Fireballers in a rousing intramural hockey game. Students can contact the rec centre for more information on intramural sports such as volleyball, hockey and ball hockey.

# Head-to-head: Will the Colts make it?

## Broncos will be king

Just because the Indianapolis Colts are unbeaten doesn't make them the best team in the National Football League (NFL).

As of Week 8, the Denver Broncos are in the Top 10 in three major offensive categories in the NFL. The Broncos are No. 3 in total offence. They are seventh overall in scoring average and are rated No. 3 in turnover ratio.

At the halfway point of the schedule, the Denver Broncos have lots to smile about and should look at themselves as a real contender for the AFC crown.

Jake "the Snake" Plummer is back and playing as passionately as he did when he was in Arizona. He has revived a lacking Denver offence, bring them back to respectability. Plummer is finally leading a balanced offence, instead of trying to make the big plays and do everything himself. The Snake has only been intercepted three times all season.

But it's not only the quarterback that should be looked upon as to why this Denver team is turning heads.

Running backs Mike Anderson and Tatum Bell are vying to become the first duo in 20 years to rush for 1,000 yards each. The last duo to accomplish this was Kevin Mack and Earnest Byner from the Cleveland Browns in 1985.



Todd Rellinger

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The Broncos, 6-2 (won-loss), currently hold top spot in a tough AFC west division with the Kansas City Chiefs and San Diego Chargers hot on their heels for first place.

The only setback for the Broncos could be their schedule. They are a perfect 5-0 at home but play five of their last eight games on the road. Plus, they have divisional games against Kansas City, San Diego and two against the lowly Oakland Raiders.

Traditionally this team from the mile high city has had a mediocre second half over the past four years going 16-16 after the halfway point.

But I think they have finally come together as a team and have shaken off losses to the Miami Dolphins and New York Giants and are preparing themselves for the next level.

After drubbing the Philadelphia Eagles a few weeks ago this team is now confident and ready to make the run at the AFC title and push the 8-0 Indianapolis Colts right off the field.

## They are absolutely the best team

It is not often you can look at a professional sports team and say, "Those guys are going to win," with a confident voice. Maybe when Michael Jordan was with the Chicago Bulls, or Maurice Rocket Richard was with the Montreal Canadiens you could. This year in the National Football League (NFL) may be another time when this phrase seems comprehensible.

I look at the Indianapolis Colts and I say, "These guys are going to win."

Peyton Manning, Edgerrin James, Reggie Wayne, Dwight Freeney, Mike Vanderjagt, can I stop yet? This team is loaded with talent on both sides of the ball; they have all the tools to win Super Bowl 2006.

The Indianapolis Colts have the best record in the NFL. Going into Week 10 action they are 8-0 (won-loss record).

In Week 1, Manning and the offence scored 24 points against one of the stingiest defences in the league, belonging to the Baltimore Ravens. They followed that performance by allowing just three points against the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Weeks 3, 4 and 5 saw the Colts give up a total of 18 points, as they led the league in almost every defensive category. After Week 5, they were still undefeated, and



Tim Gedcke

Opinion

their offence had not even woken up yet.

However, the very next week, they proved they are still the most explosive team in the league as well, pulling off a 45-point performance against the Rams from St. Louis.

They promptly followed that up with a stellar 38-point performance, albeit against the lowly Houston Texans.

After a bye week, they convincingly defeated their arch nemesis, the New England Patriots, by a score of 40-21, dispelling any rumours that they cannot beat last year's Super Bowl victors.

The knock on the Colts in past years has been their inability to keep opposing football teams off the scoreboard. This year, they tightened the bolts, and are ranked fourth in the league in total defence.

To say that the Colts have the best quarterback in the league is hard to debate; he is the defending league MVP. To say they have the best

wide receiving core is hard to debate, too. Marvin Harrison, Reggie Wayne and Brandon Stokley make a formidable trio of options. Thirdly, to say the Colts have the best running back in the league is not a stretch. Edgerrin James led backs in rushing yards going into Week 9 action.

Consistency is everything. And the Colts are the only consistent team in the league. Last year's champs, the New England Patriots, have struggled this year, and sit at just 4-4 going into Week 10.

The Philadelphia Eagles, who were expected to clean up in the National Football Conference, have also shown they can be beat, and had lost four times before their game against the Dallas Cowboys this past weekend.

The Denver Broncos are a strong team at home, but cannot win games playing on other teams' fields. Indianapolis destroyed the Broncos in the first round of the playoffs in each of the last two years, and has only improved since then. The Broncos need a big-play receiver if they want to compete in the American Football Conference.

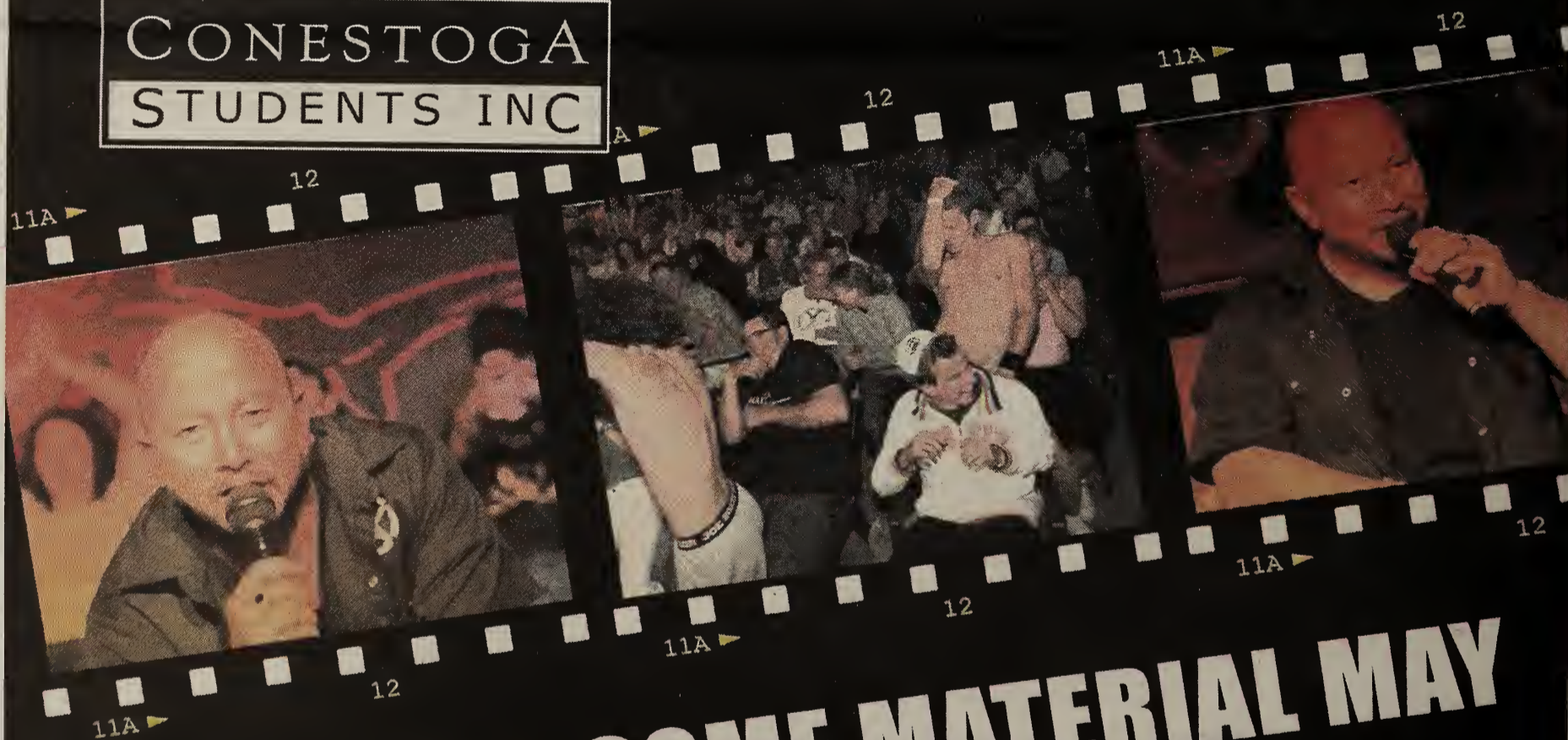
The Indianapolis Colts have everything in their favour. It is as clear as a blue sky on a cloudless, summer day that they are going to finish the regular season atop the standings.

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